

**Decision Outline for Regulatory Options of the Integrated Preferred Alternative
in the MLPA South Coast Study Region
Department of Fish and Game
Revised December 1, 2010**

At the Fish and Game Commission's (Commission) March 3, 2010 meeting, the Commission directed the Department of Fish and Game (Department) to develop regulatory options for 14 Marine Protected Areas (MPA) within the Commission's preferred alternative, the Blue Ribbon Task Force's Integrated Preferred Alternative (IPA). These options were to provide alternatives to either boundaries, designation, or take regulations in the IPA to address Department feasibility concerns, or those requested by the California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks). As outlined in the Initial Statement of Reasons for the South Coast Study Region, numbered options relate to boundary issues while lettered options relate to take issues. A decision tree to facilitate selection of these options is provided below. **At its October 20, 2010 meeting, the Commission directed the Department to add additional regulatory options for newly-identified issues, similar to those integrated previously. These additional options have been integrated into the decision tree below. There are 19 potential decisions in the decision tree below, with the MPAs ordered from north to south. Options recommended by the Department of Fish and Game are shown in bold.**

Decision 1: General Rule and Provision for Public Safety

Category: Other permitted activities

Issue: Existing regulations imply that activities necessary to ensure public safety are authorized in any MPA and do not need to be specified within individual MPA regulations. This includes, for example, life guard towers and other artificial structures, and their placement and maintenance. However, due to public confusion regarding whether these activities are allowed, an option is provided to add a general provision that clarifies that public safety activities and structures are allowed in all MPA designations.

Department of Fish and Game Guidance: A selection of "YES" is recommended to add a general provision to make it explicit that public safety activities and structures are allowed in all MPA designations.

Question: Does the Commission choose to add a general provision to make explicit that public safety activities and structures are allowed in all MPA designations?

Options:

Option Description General Rule and Provision for Public Safety	
Option 1:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: Add a general provision to make explicit that public safety activities and structures are allowed in all MPA designations
Option 2:	<input type="checkbox"/> NO: Do not add a general provision to make explicit that public safety activities and structures are allowed in all MPA designations

Decision 2: Campus Point SMR

Category: Boundary and Designation Options

Issue: Pre-existing oil and natural gas pipelines have been identified that may result in take and prevent designation as an SMR. An option is added to change the designation to a SMCA and add an allowance for operation and maintenance of these artificial structures.

Department of Fish and Game Guidance: Option 2 (“YES”) is recommended to add an allowance for pre-existing activities, as MPA designation cannot restrict activities that have already received approved regulatory permits.

Question: Does the Commission choose to integrate an allowance for the identified activities into the proposed MPA at Campus Point?

Options:

Option Description Campus Point	
Option 1 (IPA):	
<input type="checkbox"/> NO: Do not add an allowance for pre-existing activities associated with operation and maintenance of artificial structures, and retain SMR designation.	
Option 2:	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES: Do add an allowance for pre-existing activities associated with operation and maintenance of artificial structures, and change designation to SMCA.	

Decision 3: Point Dume SMCA

Category: Boundary and Designation Options

Issue: Pre-existing and ongoing beach nourishment activities have been identified in this area. An option is added to integrate this identified activity.

Department of Fish and Game Guidance: Option 2 (“YES”) is recommended to add an allowance for pre-existing activities, as MPA designation cannot restrict activities that have already received approved regulatory permits.

Question: Does the Commission choose to integrate an allowance for the identified activities into the proposed MPA at Point Dume?

Options:

Option Description Point Dume	
Option 1 (IPA):	
<input type="checkbox"/> NO: Do not add an allowance for pre-existing activities associated with beach nourishment and other sediment management activities.	
Option 2:	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES: Do add an allowance for pre-existing activities associated with beach nourishment and other sediment management activities.	



Decision 4: Arrow Point to Lion Head (Catalina Island) SMCA

Category: Boundaries (Seaward)

Issue: The IPA uses existing boundaries of a long-standing closure, which is represented by an undulating line based on distance from shore. Undulating boundaries pose enforcement difficulties. A popular sport reef (Eagle Reef) just outside the boundaries was intentionally avoided in both options.

Department of Fish and Game Guidance: The Department generally prefers straight lines between coordinates. However, in this case the long-standing invertebrate closure boundaries are known by the public, and local enforcement partners contribute to its enforcement. Therefore, of the two options outlined below and given the history of the area, in this case Option 1 would be preferred with regards to public understanding and enforceability.

Options:

Option Description Arrow Point to Lion Head	Regulation Option Based on Choice in Column 1	Map
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 1: Retain boundaries (distance from shore) as proposed in the IPA.	Arrow Point to Lion Head Option 1	
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 2: Use straight lines between coordinates to approximate the distance from shore.	Arrow Point to Lion Head Option 2	

Decision 5: Casino Point (Catalina Island) and Lover's Cove (Catalina Island) SMCA's

Category: Regulatory Options

Issue Description: Feeding of fish and wildlife is prohibited in all MPAs (Section 632(a)(6)). Feeding of fish is a long-standing practice associated with local tourism in the area offshore from the City of Avalon, where fish are provided food in order to attract the local species to enhance marine life viewing. However, the conflict between this practice and the existing restriction on this practice was not discussed in the planning process. Therefore, an option is provided that would allow feeding of fish within MPAs where specified, and identify this allowance within the proposed Casino Point and Lover's Cove MPAs.

Department of Fish and Game Guidance: Option 2 is recommended based on the long history of this practice at Catalina Island, and its educational value for the public, which is one goal of the MLPA.

Options:

Option Description Casino Point and Lover's Cove	Regulation Option Based on Choice in Column 1
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 1: Do not allow the feeding of fish.	Casino Point and Lover's Cove Option 1 <i>and</i> feeding of Fish Option 1, Subsection 632(a)(6)
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 2: Allow for the feeding of fish for the purpose of marine life viewing.	Casino Point and Lover's Cove Option 2 <i>and</i> feeding of Fish Option 1, Subsection 632(a)(6)

Decision 6: Upper Newport Bay SMCA

Category: Other restricted activities

Issue Description: Restrictions on swimming, boating and shoreline access are included in the proposed Upper Newport Bay SMCA, consistent with restrictions in the overlapping Upper Newport Bay Ecological Reserve. These restrictions were intended to apply only to the portion of the SMCA within the Ecological Reserve boundaries. However, the proposed regulation also applies the restrictions to the portion of the SMCA outside of the Ecological Reserve boundaries, which impacts a swimming beach and boat launch area. Therefore, an option is provided to limit the restrictions on swimming, boating and shoreline access to the portion of the waters that overlap with the Ecological Reserve only.

Department of Fish and Game Guidance: The Department recommends Option 2 (“YES”) to limit the restrictions to the area overlapping the Upper Newport Bay Ecological Reserve only, to remain consistent with regulations for the Ecological Reserve.

Question: Does the Commission choose to limit the restrictions on swimming, boating and shoreline access to the portion of waters that overlap with the Ecological Reserve only?

Options:

Option Description Upper Newport Bay	
Option 1:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	NO: Do not limit restrictions on swimming, boating and shoreline access to the portion of waters that overlap with the Ecological Reserve only
Option 2:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	YES: Do limit restrictions on swimming, boating and shoreline access to the portion of waters that overlap with the Ecological Reserve only


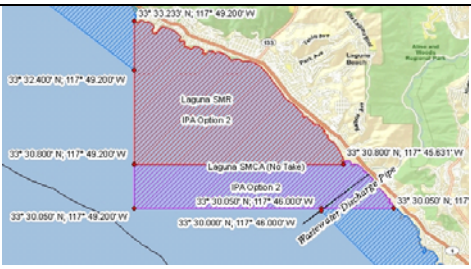
Decision 7: Laguna Beach SMR (and the Laguna Beach-Crystal Cove-Dana Point MPA complex)




Category: Boundary and Designation Options

Issue Description: A wastewater outfall pipe crosses the southern boundary of the Laguna Beach SMR. Operation and maintenance activities associated with the portion of the outfall pipe that is within the proposed SMR are incompatible with the SMR designation. Boundary and designation options are provided to allow for the continued operation of the outfall pipe. The proposed Laguna SMR shares its northern boundary with Crystal Cove SMCA and southern boundary with Dana Point SMCA. Therefore, boundary options at Crystal Cove and Dana Point are contingent on the option selected at Laguna Beach. The options below focus on the decision for Laguna Beach boundaries.

Department of Fish and Game Guidance: Option 2 is advised. While Options 1 or 2 are consistent with Department boundary guidance, Option 2 includes an SMR designation, which will improve public understanding regarding the no-take status of the area.

Options:

Option Description Laguna Beach	Regulation Option Based on Choice in Column 1	Maps
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 1: Use IPA shape for Laguna Beach; change designation from SMR to a non-fishing SMCA that allows pipe maintenance. (See Decision 7 below for revised take for this boundary option)	Laguna Beach Option 1 - Does not change proposed IPA boundaries for Crystal Cove or Dana Point SMCAs.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 2: Divide lower portion of Option 1 shape into separate no-take SMCA specified for bottom portion of geography only. (See Decision 7 below for revised take for this boundary option)	Laguna Beach Option 2 - Boundaries for Crystal Cove and Dana Point SMCAs same as Option 1	

Option Description Laguna Beach	Regulation Option Based on Choice in Column 1	Maps
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 3: Modify the southern boundary to exclude the pipe, by moving the southeast corner of the SMR northward to the nearest prominent rocks.	Laguna Beach Option 3 - Retains S Crystal Cove SMCA boundary from Option 1; modifies N boundary for Dana Point SMCA	 <p>This map shows the proposed SMR boundary for Option 3. The boundary is defined by several coordinates: 33° 33.233' N, 117° 49.200' W; 33° 32.400' N, 117° 49.200' W; 33° 30.084' N, 117° 46.084' W; and 33° 30.050' N, 117° 49.200' W. The map also shows the Waterway Discharge Pipe and the surrounding area, including Laguna Beach and Dana Point.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 4: Use the southern boundary in Option 3, and also modify the northern boundary in the nearshore area to be perpendicular to shore.	Laguna Beach Option 4 -Modifies the S boundary for Crystal Cove SMCA and N boundary for Dana Point SMCA	 <p>This map shows the proposed SMR boundary for Option 4. The boundary is defined by several coordinates: 33° 33.233' N, 117° 49.200' W; 33° 32.768' N, 117° 49.683' W; 33° 30.084' N, 117° 46.084' W; and 33° 30.050' N, 117° 49.684' W. The map also shows the Waterway Discharge Pipe and the surrounding area, including Laguna Beach and Dana Point.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 5: Use the northern and southern nearshore boundaries of Option 4 and extend perpendicular from shore out to the state waters boundary.	Laguna Beach Option 5 -Modifications of boundaries for Crystal Cove and Dana Point SMCAs are the same as Option 4	 <p>This map shows the proposed SMR boundary for Option 5. The boundary is defined by several coordinates: 33° 33.233' N, 117° 49.200' W; 33° 32.768' N, 117° 49.683' W; 33° 30.967' N, 117° 51.818' W; 33° 29.567' N, 117° 49.088' W; 33° 30.084' N, 117° 46.084' W; and 33° 30.050' N, 117° 49.684' W. The map also shows the Waterway Discharge Pipe and the surrounding area, including Laguna Beach and Dana Point.</p>

Decision 8: Laguna Beach SMR (and the Laguna Beach- Dana Point MPA complex)

Category: *ADDITIONAL* other permitted activities

Issue Description: Activities were identified in the Amended ISOR along the southeastern portion of Laguna Beach that are additional to those integrated into the proposed regulation. These include beach grooming, maintenance dredging, and habitat restoration along Aliso Beach, in the area of the beach managed by the County only. In Decision 7 above, this occurs within Laguna Beach SMCA under Laguna Beach Boundary Options 1 and 2, or occurs within Dana Point SMCA under Laguna Beach Boundary Options 3, 4, and 5. Therefore, an option is provided to integrate the additional identified activities in the Laguna Beach-Dana Point MPA complex based on boundaries chosen in Decision 7.

Department of Fish and Game Guidance: The Department recommends “YES” to add an allowance for pre-existing activities, as MPA designation cannot restrict activities that have already received approved regulatory permits.

Question: Does the Commission choose to integrate the additional identified activities into Laguna Beach or Dana Point SMCAs?

Options:

Option Description Laguna Beach and Dana Point	
IPA Take Option:	
<input type="checkbox"/> NO: Do not add allowance for beach grooming, maintenance dredging, and restoration in the area of operation at Aliso Beach	
Revised Take Option:	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES: Add allowance for beach grooming, maintenance dredging, and restoration in the area of operation at Aliso Beach	


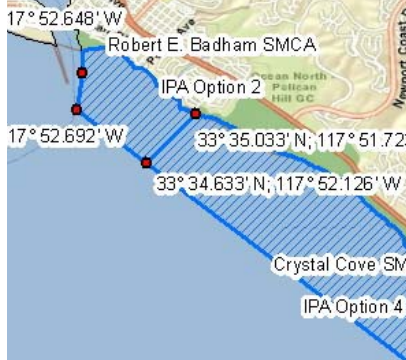
Decision 9: Robert E. Badham SMCA (and the Robert E. Badham-Crystal Cove MPA complex)

Category: Boundary and Name Options

Issue Description: The existing Robert E. Badham SMCA is subsumed into proposed Crystal Cove SMCA in the IPA. However, the history of the naming of this existing MPA is relevant for consideration of whether or not to retain the historic name. This MPA, originally designated as the Newport Beach Marine Life Refuge, was renamed as Robert E. Badham Marine Life Refuge (reclassified as a SMCA per the MLPA) in response to Senate Resolution No. 17, adopted by the California Senate in 1999. An option is provided that would retain the historic name by dividing the proposed Crystal Cove SMCA into two MPAs with the same regulations. The historic name of Robert E. Badham would be retained in the area north of the State Park land boundary.

Department of Fish and Game Guidance: Option 1 is recommended to simplify regulations to ease public understanding and enforcement of the area.

Options:

Option Description Robert E. Badham	Regulation Option Based on Choice in Column 1	Maps
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 1: Keep proposed area as a single MPA as proposed in the IPA.	Robert E. Badham Option 1	
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 2: Divide proposed area into two MPAs at boundary of Crystal Cove State Park and retain historic Robert E. Badham name in the portion of the proposed Crystal Cove SMCA north of the State Park.	Robert E. Badham Option 2	

Decision 10: Crystal Cove SMCA

Category: Take Options

Issue Description: The proposed take for Crystal Cove SMCA allows for some recreational take and commercial take to continue. State Parks has requested that the Commission consider prohibiting commercial fishing (not proposed in the IPA) based on the rationale that commercial take conflicts with the adjacent Crystal Cove State Park General Plan for enhancing recreational activities.

Department of Fish and Game Guidance: The Department defers to State Parks.

State Parks Guidance: State Parks has requested that Option B be adopted (denoted below in bold).

Options:

Option Description Crystal Cove	Regulation Option Based on Choice in Column 1
<input type="checkbox"/> Option A: Allow commercial take as proposed in the IPA	Crystal Cove Take Option A
<input type="checkbox"/> Option B: Prohibit commercial take	Crystal Cove Take Option B

Decision 11: Crystal Cove (and Robert E. Badham) and Dana Point

Category: Revised Take Options

Issue Description: These proposed SMCAs span the shoreline area above and below Laguna Beach. A key objective identified by the SCRSG for these SMCAs is to protect the tidepools while allowing for limited harvest of select species outside the tidepools. Therefore, included is an option for adding and improving language to make it explicit that take inside tidepools is prohibited.

Department of Fish and Game Guidance: The Department recommends that “YES”, language is added and updated to clarify that take within tidepools is prohibited.

Question: Does the Commission choose to add and update language to the take regulations at Crystal Cove, Robert E. Badham, and Dana Point SMCAs, to clarify that take within tidepools is prohibited?

Options:

Option Description Crystal Cove and Dana Point	
IPA Take Option:	
<input type="checkbox"/> NO: Do not add clarifying language that take is prohibited within tidepools at Crystal Cove and Dana Point SMCAs	
Revised Take Option:	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES: Add clarifying language that take is prohibited within tidepools at Crystal Cove and Dana Point SMCAs	

Decision 12: Laguna Beach SMR/SMCA

Category: Other restricted activities

Issue: The currently proposed MPA(s) at Laguna Beach specify in subsection 632(b)(112) that boats may be launched and retrieved only in designated areas and may be anchored within the conservation area only during daylight hours. This restriction on boat launching, retrieval and anchoring was inadvertently and erroneously retained from Heisler Park SMCA, which is subsumed into the larger proposed MPA at Laguna Beach.

Department of Fish and Game Guidance: The Department recommends “YES” to remove restrictions on anchoring and boat launching and retrieving.

Question: Does the Commission choose to remove the restrictions on anchoring and boat launching and retrieval?

Options:

Option Description Laguna Beach	
IPA Option:	
<input type="checkbox"/> NO: Do not remove restrictions that restrict anchoring to daylight hours and limit boat launching and retrieval to designated areas	
Revised Option:	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES: Do remove restrictions that restrict anchoring to daylight hours and limit boat launching and retrieval to designated areas	

Decision 13: Dana Point SMCA

Category: Research Oversight Options

Issue Description: The existing Dana Point SMCA contains language derived from legislation passed in 1993 to increase protection in the originally-established Dana Point Marine Life Refuge (reclassified as an SMCA per the MLPA). The legislation prohibited entry into the intertidal zone for purposes of taking or possessing any species of fish, plant, or invertebrate, except under a scientific collecting permit issued by the Department, and an additional approval obtained from the director of the Dana Point SMCA to collect within the SMCA. The existing SMCA covers the geographic area around the Dana Point Headlands, below latitude 33° 27.74' N. However, the proposed regulation expands the coastal coverage of the Dana Point SMCA northward by over three linear miles, and adds an allowance for recreational take from the shore. This proposed allowance would be in conflict with the existing restrictions on entering the intertidal area to fish. This conflict was not addressed during the planning process. Therefore, the proposed regulation includes two options.

Department of Fish and Game Guidance: Option A is recommended to reduce the complexity of the proposed regulation and to remove the conflict between the no entry restrictions. This option would enhance public understanding and enforceability of the regulation.

Options:

Option Description Dana Point	Outcome of Option Decision
<input type="checkbox"/> Option A: Remove existing restrictions on entry, and scientific collecting oversight by the director of the Dana Point SMCA.	Dana Point Access Option A
<input type="checkbox"/> Option B: Retain existing restrictions on entry, and scientific collecting oversight around the Dana Point Headlands part of the SMCA.	Dana Point Access Option B




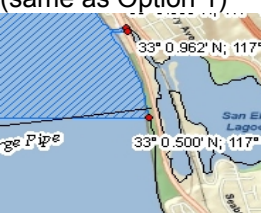
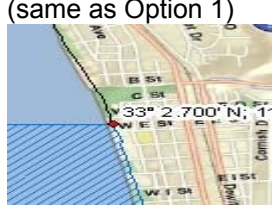
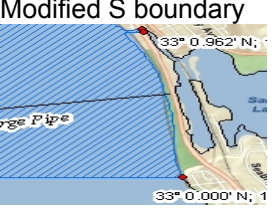
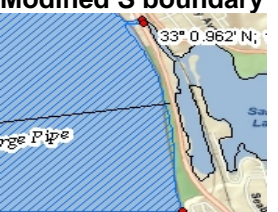
Decision 14: Swami's SMCA

Category: Boundary Options

Issue Description: The proposed northern and southern boundaries for this MPA fall in the middle of beaches without visible and permanent landmarks. Because these beaches have very high visitation rates of more than three million people annually, many of whom fish from the beach, Department enforcement have raised concerns that the public may find it difficult to locate the boundaries unless aligned with landmarks. Additionally, State Parks recommended moving the southern boundary southward to the edge of State Parks land (end of state beach). It should be noted that this change encloses a wastewater outfall pipe.

Department of Fish and Game Guidance: Option 4 meets Department guidance as it would place the boundaries at known recognizable landmarks. This option would enhance the public understanding and enforceability of the regulation.

Options:

Option Description Swami's	Regulation Option Based on Choice in Column 1	Map	
		Northern (N) Boundary	Southern (S) Boundary
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 1: IPA coordinates.	Swami's Boundary Option 1	N boundary (IPA) 	S boundary (IPA) 
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 2: Move northern boundary north to the Cottonwood Creek mouth.	Swami's Boundary Option 2	Modified N boundary 	(same as Option 1) 
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 3: Move southern boundary south to align with Parks beach boundary.	Swami's Boundary Option 3	(same as Option 1) 	Modified S boundary 
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 4: Move northern and southern boundaries.	Swami's Boundary Option 4 -The northern boundary is the same as Option 2 and the southern boundary is the same as Option 3	Modified N boundary 	Modified S boundary 

Decision 15. Swami's SMCA

Category: Take Options

Issue Description: State Parks has requested the consideration of sub-options for Swami's SMCA due to conflicts with current State Parks unit management. State Parks has stated that the proposed modification of the existing MPA conflicts with State Beach classification and general plans, and recommends allowing shore-based fishing. The proposed regulation provides sub-options that add shore-based fishing with hook and line gear as an allowed recreational take method in the SMCA. These options meet Department feasibility guidelines but reduce the SAT-assigned level of protection (LOP) from high to moderate-low, which also adds a gap in habitat coverage.

Department of Fish and Game Guidance: The Department defers to State Parks.

State Parks Guidance: State Parks has requested that Option B be adopted (denoted below in bold)

Options:

Option Description Swami's	Regulation Option Based on Choice in Column 1
<input type="checkbox"/> Option A: Do not change recreational fishing regulations proposed in IPA.	Swami's Take Option A
<input type="checkbox"/> Option B: Add recreational shore-based fishing with hook and line gear to allowed take.	Swami's Take Option B


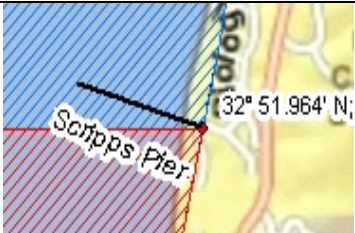
Decision 16: San Diego-Scripps Coastal SMCA and Matlahuayl SMR cluster

Category: Boundary and Designation Options

Issue Description: In the IPA proposal, the Scripps Pier spans diagonally across the shared boundary between these two MPAs such that part of the pier falls within the SMCA and part within the SMR. This will lead to confusion for recreational fishermen that target bait fish underneath the pier structure. Further, an SMR designation would be precluded due to required maintenance of the pier. Therefore, an option is provided to address both issues, to move the shared boundary between the two MPAs southward by ~150 feet to below the pier.

Department of Fish and Game Guidance: Option 2 is recommended as it would place the boundary at a recognizable landmark that can be seen from shore and offshore. This option would enhance the public understanding and enforceability of the regulation.

Options:

Option Description San Diego Scripps/Matlahuayl	Regulation Option Based on Choice in Column 1	Map
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 1: IPA boundaries- retain shared boundary between MPAs; changes designation of Matlahuayl to SMCA.	San Diego-Scripps and Matlahuayl Option 1	
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 2: Move the shared boundary to below the base of Scripps Pier; retains designation of Matlahuayl as SMR.	San Diego-Scripps and Matlahuayl Option 2	

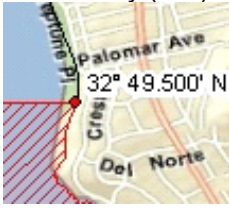
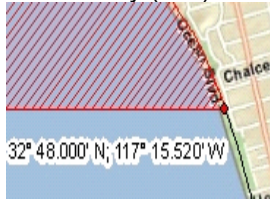

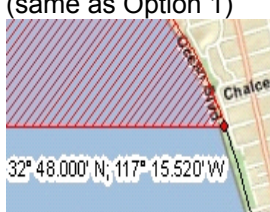
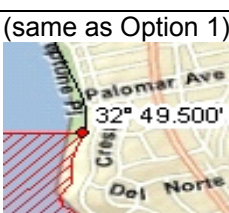
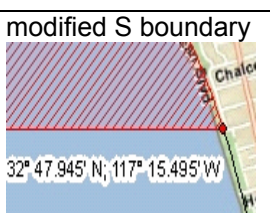
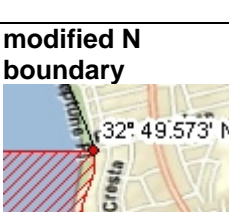
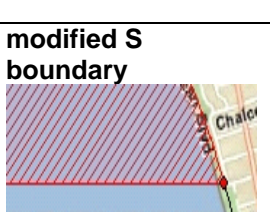
Decision 17: South La Jolla SMR/SMCA

Category: Boundary Options

Issue Description: This inshore/offshore MPA complex has a shared northern and southern boundary. As proposed in the IPA, the northern boundary bisects an intertidal reef that is popular for recreational harvest of invertebrates at low tide. Additionally, the southern boundary falls in the middle of a public beach without a permanent and visible landmark. Both of these boundaries may lead to enforcement and public understanding challenges.

Department of Fish and Game Guidance: Option 4 is recommended because the northern boundary line would not bisect the intertidal reef and the southern boundary is adjusted to align with a major street (Missouri Street) thus enhancing public understanding and enforceability of the regulation.

Options:

Option Description South La Jolla	Regulation Option Based on Choice in Column 1	Map	
		Northern (N) Boundary	Southern (S) Boundary
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 1: Retain boundaries as proposed in IPA.	South La Jolla SMR and SMCA Option 1	N boundary (IPA) 	S boundary (IPA) 
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 2: Move northern boundary one city block north (to Palomar Ave) to enclose intertidal reef.	South La Jolla SMR and SMCA Option 2	Modified N boundary 	(same as Option 1) 
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 3: Move southern boundary one city block south (to Missouri Street)	South La Jolla SMR and SMCA Option 3	(same as Option 1) 	modified S boundary 
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 4: Move both northern and southern boundaries	South La Jolla SMR and SMCA Option 4 -the northern boundary is the same as Option 2 and the southern boundary is the same as Option 3	modified N boundary 	modified S boundary 

Decision 18: Refugio SMCA

Category: Designation Options

Issue Description: State Parks recommends retaining this existing MPA. Proposed removal of this existing MPA would decrease protection and open up the area to potential increased commercial extraction. The area includes significant natural values as well as sensitive archeological sites. The shallow relief reefs and interspersed sand substrate environments of this site contribute to high biological diversity. Culturally diverse as well, the area was once a popular trading ship anchorage, and prehistoric Chumash stone bowls have been found within this site. Refugio State Beach receives over 100,000 visitors each year and is popular for SCUBA diving, swimming, recreational fishing and sea kayaking. Existing interpretive programs include kayak and tidepool tours. The existing Refugio State Beach is impacted by commercial lobster trapping. State Parks staff must regularly remove lobster traps that drift too close inshore and abandoned traps that lay within the park lease.

Department of Fish and Game Guidance: The Department defers to State Parks.

State Parks Guidance: State Parks has requested that Option 2 be adopted (denoted below in bold).

Options:

Option Description Refugio	Regulation Option Based on Choice in Column 1
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 1: Removes the existing MPA at Refugio as proposed in the IPA.	Refugio Option 1
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 2: Retain the existing MPA and regulations at Refugio.	Refugio Option 2

Decision 19: Doheny Beach SMCA

Category: Designation Options

Issue Description: State Parks recommends retaining this existing MPA. Proposed removal of this existing MPA would decrease existing protection and decrease educational opportunity. Doheny State Beach includes an existing underwater recreation area and the Doheny Beach Marine Life Refuge, which was designated in 1969 by the Legislature specifically to protect tidepool invertebrates. The existing protections are moderate and do not affect commercial activities. Although relatively small, over 1.6 million people visited Doheny State Beach in 2008.

Department of Fish and Game Guidance: The Department defers to State Parks.
State Parks Guidance: State Parks has requested that Option 2 be adopted (denoted below in bold).

Options:

Option Description Doheny Beach	Regulation Option Based on Choice in Column 1
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 1: Removes the existing MPA at Doheny Beach as proposed in the IPA.	Doheny Beach Option 1
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 2: Retain the existing MPA and regulations at Doheny Beach.	Doheny Beach Option 2